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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITOR (AKERMAN, E. NORDAL)

1. POST REQUESTS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR FREE-LANCE JOURNALIST AND DEFENSE EXPERT NORDAL AKERMAN, DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY 2-24 (ETD DEPENDS UPON PROGRAM SCHEDULE; THIS IS SOMEWHAT OPEN-ENDED). HE IS INTERESTED IN DEFENSE, FOREIGN POLICY, THE CORRECTIONS SYSTEM, AND URBAN PROBLEMS. HE IS AN INFLUENTIAL HIGHLY-REGARDED JOURNALIST, AND A LEADING EXPONENT OF LEFT-WING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY POSITIONS. ALTHOUGH HIS NAME REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS DURING THE US TRIP ARE AMBITIOUS, THE POST BELIEVES U.S. INTERESTS WOULD BE VERY WELL SERVED IF SOMEONE OF HIS CALIBRE AND CREDIBILITY WERE GRANTED ACCESS TO PIVOTAL AMERICAN FIGURES, ENABLING HIM HOPEFULLY TO PRODUCE WELL-BALANCED ARTICLES.

2. AKERMAN HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS IN BOSTON, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, DC, AND ATLANTA. HE IS WILLING TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. FOR THE TIME NECESSARY TO COVER THESE REQUESTS. HIS NORMAL PACE IS THREE OR FOUR APPOINTMENTS PER DAY. HE HAS ASKED THAT HE BE GIVEN A STATUS REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT'S SUCCESS IN OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS BY O/A JANUARY 20, SO THAT HE CAN PREPARE ADEQUATELY

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FOR THE INTERVIEWS. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AT

MODERATELY-PRICED HOTELS IN ALL PERTINENT CITIES; IN NYC, HE PREFERS THE PICKWICK ARMS; ROOMS SHOULD BE IN QUIET, BACK AREAS OF HOTELS.

3. PROGRAM REQUESTS FOLLOW: A) BOSTON, ETA, LATE FEB 2: JAMES GAVIN, CO/O ARTHUR D. LITTLE CO, ON NATIONAL SECURITY QUESTIONS; GABRIEL KOLKO ON FOREIGN POLICY; IF GAVIN NOT AVAILABLE, BOSTON VISIT SHOULD BE SCRATCHED; DEPART FEB 3 BY TRAIN TO NYC B) NEW YORK: RAMSEY CLARK ON CORRECTIONS; NY POLICE COMMISSIONER, OPERATIONS CENTER, HOSTAGE UNIT AND WAST, NY POLICE; TOMBS WITH A LAWYER, IF STILL POSSIBLE; BILL MOYERS; MCGEORGE BUNDY (ROLE OF FOUNDATIONS AND FOREIGN POLICY); LEADERS OF STUDENTS FOR A DEMORATIC SOCIETY; INSTITUTE OF PARAPSYCHOLOGY AT MAINONIDES HOSPITAL, PREFERABLY WHEN SOME ETELEPATHY EXPERIMENTS ARE UNDERWAY; DEPART FOR WASHDC O/A FEBRUARY 8 VIA TRAIN; C) WASHINGTON: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION; TOURS OF PENTAGON AND FBI; NORMAN CARLSON, BUREAU OF PRISONS TOM WICKER (CORRECTIONS AND NEWSPAPERS); SENATORS WILLIAM PROXMIRE (DEFENSE, ORGANIZATION, CIVIL LIBERTIES), FRANK CHURCH (U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES), HUBERT HUMPHREY, HERMAN TALMADGE (RE SMALL-TOWN PROBLEMS); REPRESENTATIVES LES ASPIN (ON DEFENSE), ELLIOTT LEVITAS, ANDREW YOUNG; ADMIRAL ELMO ZUMWALT; GENERAL GEORGE PATTON III; TOWNSEND HOOPE (FOREIGN POLICY ORGANIZATION AND OBJECTIVES); ALEXANDER BARKAN, AFL-CIO (LOBBYING, ORGANIZAING TRENDS, WHITE-COLLAR UNIONS); POLICE ACADEMY, AND CRUISING WITH A POLICE PATROL CAR FOR SEVERAL HOURS; ENVIRONMENTRICS , INC., PREFERABLY WHEN A CITY GAME IS CARRIED OUT; DEPART VIA TRAIN O/A FEBRUARY 14 FOR D) FORT BRAGG, N.C. IF HE IS ALLOWED TO OBSERVE COUNTERINSURGENCY TRAINING; E) ATLANTA FOR A WEEK OR MORE WITH CONCENTRATION ON THE FOLLOWING: URBAN PROBLEMS, ECONOMY, MASS TRANSIT, INTEGRATION, HOUSING, SCHOOLS; ALSO, FORMER GOVERNORS JAMES CARTER, LESTER MADDOX; GOV. GEORGE BUSBEE; FORMER SECSTATE DEAN RUSK (FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES); REP. JULIAN BOND; ROBERT WOODRUFF, XERONA CLAYTON; LOCKHEED; FT. BENNING; A PRISON FARM; ATLANTA PENITENTIARY STAFF TRAINING CENTER; FAMILIES IN DIFFERENT INCOME BRACKETS; CITY UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANNERS, ECONOMISTS, INVESTMENT BANKERS, SOCIAL WORKERS; A MECHANIZED FARM AND A SMALL ONE-FAMILY OPERATION FARM; VISIT WITH THE MAYOR AND A FEW COMMUNITY LEADERS OF A SMALL TOWN SOMEWHERE SOUTH OF ATLANTA AND EAST OF FT. BENNING. AKERMAN'S MAIN OBJECTIVE IN GEORGIA IS TO VIEW NATIONAL PROBLEMS FROM A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE.

4. BIOGRAPHIC DATA:

- A) AKERMAN, E. NORDAL
- B) BORN IN LUND, DECEMBER 12, 1941
- C) FREELANCE JOURNALIST; ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND NATIONAL SECURITY.
- D) HOME ADDRESS: GERDAGATAN 3, 223 62 LUND.
- E) SWEDISH CITIZEN
- F) FIL.DR. (PH.D) IN HISTORY, LUND UNIVERSITY, 1972
- G) EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND PUBLISHER OF KONKRET MAGAZINE, 1967-69; FREE-LANCER FOR SWEDISH BROADCASTING CORP. (RADIO AND TELEVISION) AND PRINT MEDIA (DAGENS NYHETER, AFTOMBLADET, ARBETET)
- H) ON THE DOCTRINE OF LIMITED WAR, 1972, DOCTORAL DISSERTATION; DEFENDING PEACE, 1965; A SOCIALIST VIEW OF CULTURE, 1966; THE CLASS SOCIETY IN STATISTICS, 1973; EDITOR OF A SERIES OF PUBLICATIONS CALLED THE NEW SOCIETY, 1971-73.
- I) EUROPE; USA, 1974
- J) EXCELLENT ENGLISH

5. WE REALIZE THIS IS A BIG ORDER, BUT WILL APPRECIATE YOUR PLACING HIGH PRIORITY ON THIS REQUEST. IF USEFUL, PLEASE COORDINATE SCHEDULE WITH FOREIGN PRESS CENTER, USIA. PLEASE SEND US NAME OF PROGRAM OFFICER, HOTELS AND THE CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS WHEN POSSIBLE.
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